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January 10, 2017

Jennifer Kent, Director  
Department of Health Care Services  
P.O. Box 997413, MS 0000  
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

Dear Ms. Kent,

The Nevada County Behavioral Health Department has an urgent need for a short-term appointment of an Acting Behavioral Health Director, thereby necessitating the appointment of an Acting Behavioral Health Director during the interim period, as authorized with your Department's approval pursuant to Title 9, Section 620.1.

Nevada County is requesting approval of the appointment of Jill Blake, MPA, as Acting Behavioral Health Director, effective December 5, 2016 which appointment shall continue until the return of Ms. Slade, which is anticipated in April 2017, and in no event longer than twelve months. Ms. Blake has 17 years of experience in staff, program and agency management, and has considerable experience in policy development and strategic planning. Prior to working for Nevada County, Ms. Blake was the Director of the First 5 Butte County Children and Families Commission. She received a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from UCLA, a Master of Public Administration from University of Southern California, and graduated from the Foundations of Public Policy Program at University of California, Davis. She also served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Poland.

Ms. Blake has been with Nevada County since December 10, 2012. She was originally hired as the Program Manager for Public Health; appointed to Interim Public Health Director in October 2014 and appointed as the permanent Public Health Director in 2015. Ms. Blake will continue her duties as the Public Health Director in addition to the temporary assignment of serving as the Acting Director for Behavioral Health.

Sincerely,

Dan Miller, Chair  
Nevada County Board of Supervisors

Attachments: Resolution Confirming Appointment

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